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SUBJECT: SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION FSL TRAINING

1. SSA PLANS TO SPONSOR A TECHNICAL TRAINING AND PROGRAM ORIENTATION SESSION FOR SELECTED FOREIGN SERVICE LOCALS WHO PERFORM FEDERAL BENEFITS WORK AT ADDRESSEE POSTS. THE FIVE WEEK PROGRAM WILL TAKE PLACE IN SSA'S DIVISION OF INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS, BALTIMORE, MARYLAND, APRIL 3 THRU MAY 5.

2. SELECTED PARTICIPANTS SHOULD HAVE CURRENT EXPERIENCE WITH AND DEMONSTRATE INTEREST IN FEDERAL BENEFITS WORK. THEY SHOULD ALSO BE EXPECTED TO CONTINUE IN THIS ACTIVITY FOR SEVERAL YEARS AFTER RETURNING TO POST. BASED ON PREVIOUS CONTACTS WITH FEDERAL BENEFITS OFFICERS, LUCIANO D'ANGELO, RONALD BOWLING, BARBARA WILSON AND RUTH ZLOTOWITZ, SSA WOULD LIKE TO SUGGEST THE FOLLOWING
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INDIVIDUALS: MS. MARIA CRISTINA ZOTTA-MILAN, MS. EDITH BORBE-FRANKFURT, MR. JUAN OLARTECOECHEA-BILBAO, MR. LUIS GARCIA-BARCELONA AND MR. DAVID LEE-DUBLIN.

3. ALL TRANSPORTATION, PER DIEM NOT TO EXCEED THE THIRTY FIVE DOLLAR DAILY MAXIMUM RATE, AND RELATED TRAVEL EXPENSES FOR THE TRAINING PROGRAM IN BALTIMORE SHOULD BE

CHARGED TO SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION APPROPRIATION SYMBOL 7588704, ALLOTMENT 4005101.253P. POSTS SHOULD HOWEVER, HANDLE THE ISSUANCE OF TRAVEL ORDERS, TICKETS ADVANCES, AND FINAL VOUCHERING IN ACCORDANCE WITH DEPT OF STATE TRAVEL REGULATIONS.

4. LUMPSUM TRAVEL ADVANCE SHOULD BE PAID TO TRAINEES BEFORE DEPARTURE FROM POSTS. IF ANY POST HAS A LIMIT ON THE AMOUNT OF DOLLARS A FSL IS PERMITTED TO RECEIVE AT ONE TIME DUE TO FOREIGN CURRENCY RESTRICTIONS, BALANCE OF TRAVEL ADVANCE SHOULD BE MAILED PRIOR TO TRAINEES' ARRIVAL IN U.S. TO FOLLOWING ADDRESS: MR. COOPER BEARFIELD, TRAINING COORDINATOR, 1953 DEERPARK ROAD, FINKSBURG, MARYLAND 21048. IT IS EXTREMELY DIFFICULT FOR HEW TO ADVANCE FUNDS TO FSL'S WHILE IN THE U.S. TRAVEL ON FLIGHT TICKETS BEARING ROUND TRIP EXCURSION TIME LIMITATIONS SHOULD NOT BE USED. POST ARE ALSO REMINDED TO INCLUDE 22 LBS. EXCESS BAGGAGE WITH GTR PER REGULATIONS.

5. THE DEPARTMENT IS ATTEMPTING TO ARRANGE A TWO-DAY BRIEFING PERIOD DURING THE FIVE-WEEK TRAINING SESSION WHICH WILL PERMIT THE FSL'S TO CONSULT WITH OFFICERS OF OTHER AGENCIES IN WASHINGTON. FISCAL DATA NEEDED TO COVER 2 DAY CONSULTATION PERIOD IN WASHINGTON WILL BE PROVIDED AT A LATER DATE.
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6. ADDRESSEE POST ARE REQUESTED TO CONFIRM BY MARCH 20 WHETHER EMPLOYEES INDICATED IN PARA 2 WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR TRAINING PROGRAM DURING DATES MENTIONED. POST SHOULD CABLE SSA/DIO FLIGHT NUMBERS AND ARRIVAL TIMES

AS SOON AS DETAILS KNOW TO FACILITATE ESCORT PLANS. VANCE

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